

THE



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BLACK UNION
of
ESSEX COUNTY
COLLEGE

...we unite-on the basis of what
we have in common.

El Hajj Malik Shabazz

UMOJA WEUSI
/
BLACK UNITY

OPEN LETTER TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY of
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE

Brothers and Sisters:

Unity is the Natural will of God, the creator. All things unite for the benefit of the whole. Birds fly in flocks, buildings are built by crews of men and armies win battles because they are unified.

Unity gives strength to what at one time was a lone individual, unity gives protection. It is a means of learning through the communicating of our experiences.

We Black People have been divided to remove us from God and natural things. We live unnatural lives. To succeed, win, evolve, reevolve, REVOLUTION we must return to our natural United state. We must ORGANIZE. This is why there is a Black Union at Essex County College.

The Black Union of Essex County College is an organized body of Black people attending Essex County College. The Black Union is not responsible to anyone except the Black People of Essex County College. The goal of the Black Union is to aid in the unity, education, defense and liberation of African People where ever we are. The immediate objectives of the Black Union are to unify, educate and defend the Black community of ECC; to deal with the everyday needs and problems of the community. The Black Union of ECC is an independant organization within the school, while for

the purposes of Black Unity, it is aligned with Black organizations whose purpose is the national organizing of Black Students' Unions. The Black Union will study events in Essex County College and will take a position on issues involving Black people. The Black Union will study the existing policies within Essex County College and will make recommendations for new policies. The Black Union will present proposals to the Student Government, the College-wide Council, the Board of Trustees, the President, and the appropriate Deans, Division heads and Department heads while at the same time acting as a watchdog for the Black Community in keeping an eye on the policies and recommendations and the issues surrounding ECC. The Black Union will attempt to use "normal channels of grievance", but realizing that we cannot look to our oppressor to deal in any way with the nature of our oppression, the Black Union will use any means necessary to achieve our objectives. The members of the Black Union must be available to and will be expected to perform all tasks and do any work that is necessary.

Membership in the Black Union shall be open to all people of African descent at Essex County College. Members of the Union are required to conduct themselves while in the school in such a manner as will reflect Black respect for one another and African people generally. Members are expected to demonstrate their serious purpose and interest in liberation, by the liberation of their minds.

Any questions, comments or responses may be directed to the persons at the table in the lobby of the first floor, starting Tuesday, June 15, 1971.

UMOJA WEUST - BLACK UNITY



For unity's sake we have taken the liberty of formulating the following ticket:

President Vincent Jacques

Vice President Frank Bridges

Controller Sandra Miller

For unity's sake we hope you will vote for them

UMOJA WEUSI BLACK UNITY

A GATHERING OF THE BLACK PEOPLE
OF
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE

it's time we get together to build a nation

An informal discussion

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 16, 1971

8TH FLOOR

12 NOON

On Thursday, June 17, 1971 at 12 in the Student Lounge, there will be a meeting of THE

BLACK UNION UMOJA WEUSI

to plan our future ?? as **Black** people in Essex County College. Membership

is open to all **Black** People.

nation time

Time to control our time, our space, our school, our community, our lives.

THURSDAY

JUNE 17, 1971

12 noon

STUDENT LOUNGE

Brother Lerone Bennett

Author Lecturer Historian

will be at U.C.C. Area Board #2, 366 Springfield Avenue at 7:30 pm
on Tuesday, June 15, 1971, to speak to us about us.

BE THERE !!!

TEACH ...



"Just as it took nationalism to bring about the independence of our brothers and sisters in Africa and Asia, the goal or the objective of the political, social and economic philosophy of black nationalism is designed to bring about the complete independence of the black people in this country by making us become consciously involved in controlling our own community. Once we can control our own communities now, then perhaps we will later be able to control our own country, control our own nation, and govern ourselves and in some way have control over our own destiny."

El-Hajj Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X)



brothers and sisters

The election to the Board of Trustees of the United Community Corporation will take place on Thursday, June 17, 1971 at 7:30pm at Clinton Place Junior High School. BE THERE!! BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

David Barrett Tal Mercer Ginny Diaz Wilbur McNeil

TO ALL SISTERS WHO WANT TO BE IN STYLE

(Written after seeing a sister come down HARD on a brother for making "improper advances"

sister,
you can't get
dealt
if you don't play
cards
but if
you wear HOT PANTS
(cards or no cards)
you're bound
to get
burnt.

Note:
the sisters generally
defend their position
by saying "well I
thought he wanted
me for my mind"-what
mind? what you wear
reflects you. if you
walk around with
nothing on yr body
obviously there is
nothing on yr mind.
DON L. LEE